(a) whether the heavy influx of migrants in the capital is causing spidemics as reported in the Asian Age dated 18th September, 1996;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken/propose to take any steps to check influx of migrants in the capital to avoid spread of epidemics; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

दिल्ली में पेट्रोल पम्पों द्वारा आयकर की चोरी

2635. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:**
श्री राजनाथ सिंह:

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि दिल्ली में पेट्रोल पम्प अपनी वास्तविक आय छुपाकर सरकार को कम आयकर का भुगतान कर रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम) (क) आयकर विभाग के ध्यान में ऐसा कोई विशिष्ट मामला नहीं आया है जिससे दिल्ली में पेट्रोल पम्प मालिकों द्वारा आय छिपाने और तदनुसार आयकर की कम अदायगी करने का पता चलता हो।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को देखते हुए यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

News-item captioned "Official junketeers not AI's free load"

2636. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Indian Express, New Delhi, dated 25.10.1996 caption "Official Junketeers not AI's free load";

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the number of free rides given for the last 3 years by Tourism Department Officers to foreign Opinion makers to take all expenses-paid trips to India by Air India and Indian Airlines and actual expenses involved thereby, year-wise; and

(c) whether his Ministry is aware of the resentment reportedly expressed by our airlines as no budgetary allocations are made for such "ticketless travel"?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as under:—

Year	Number of free passages availed		Amount spent by D/o Tourism on local hospitality (Rs. in lakhs)
	On Air India	On Indian Airlines	
1993-94	970	675	85
1994-95	1551	1059	75
1995-96	852	507	118.50

No cost was incurred by Indian Airlines and Air India as free passages are generally accommodated after revenue paying passangers.

(c) Airlines are generally opposed to the grant of free passeges.

Mal-practices on account of free import of Gold

2637. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to allegations that the decision to allow free import of Gold has been instrumental for a sharp increase in over-invoicing of merchandise imports and under-invoicing of merchandise exports; and

(b) whether in case the allegations have an objective basis, the gold import policy will be appropriately revised?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no evidence/intelligence available to suggest that the decision to allow import of gold by non-resident Indians on payment of duty in foreign exchange has been instrumental for a sharp increase in over-invoicing of merchandise imports and under-invoicing of merchandise exports.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Common source of information about reproductive issues

2638. DR. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that young adult male's most common source of information about reproductive issues is the mass-media and popular magazines;

(b) whether there are Government sponsored programmes to educate young men about reproductive health issues; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALIM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) Systematic dissemination of population education messages through formal and non-formal education sectors for eligible couples including young adult males is one of the most important IEC strategy of the Department of Family Welfare.

"Zuari Agro Chemical" Factory at Dabolim, Goa

2639. SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that "Zuari Agro Chemical" factory at Dabolim, Goa discharge huge amount of fumes and steam from its factory in the atmosphere, which gives rise to formation of clouds at low altitude thus hampering visibility on the approach path of the Dabolim Airport runway;

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government to defuse this problem; and

(c) how a licnece was granted to such factory within the proximity of airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Fixed deposit schemes advertised by Tata Finance Company

2640. SHRI RAM NATH KOVINDA: DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to various fixed deposit schemes advertised by Tata Finance Company of New Delhi in November, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all these schemes are approved by any Governemnt agency to safeguard interests of small investors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Providing the charge of the additional M.S., Dr. R.M.L. Hospital to Junior Doctors